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Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

		(dollars in thousands)				
			FY 2005	FY 2005		
Congress'l	FY 2003	FY 2004	Uncontrol	Program	FY 2005	
District Park Units/Trails/Affiliated Areas	Enacted	Enacted	Changes	Changes	Estimate	
02 Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS	654	727	0	250	977	
05 Big South Fork Natl River & RA	3,587	3,572	0	0	3,572	
05 Cumberland Gap NHP	2,294	2,283	0	434	2,717	
02 Mammoth Cave NP	5,710	5,694	0	0	5,694	
00 Trail of Tears NHT	245	296	0	0	296	

FY 2005 uncontrollable funding related to pay and benefits has yet to be distributed at the park level.

This table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in these programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, Kentucky

\$250,000 and 4.0 FTEs to Provide Operations at Newly Acquired Knob Creek Farm

Funding is requested to establish operations at new area. The addition of Lincoln's early childhood home at Knob Creek in 2001 expanded the park's boundary by 228 acres, effectively tripling the size of the park. In 2002, park visitation increased 20 percent. Funding would be used to provide law enforcement patrol and resource management of natural and cultural resources. Funding would also be used to maintain 25 acres of grounds, five wood buildings and two miles of roads and trails. These actions would allow for the protection of resources and would result in a more satisfactory visitor experience.

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park; Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia

\$434,000 and 6.7 FTEs to Improve Maintenance and Services for New Facilities, Roads, and Trails

Funding is requested to improve maintenance of the additional roads, grounds, trails and facilities and to enhance services provided at park. Completion of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel in 1996 allowed restoration of the historic Gap contours and landscape, re-creation of the pioneer Wilderness Road, opening of Gap Cave to guided tours, and construction of a new Visitor Information Center. Since the tunnel opened, traffic has increased 67% to over 10 million annually and park visitation has increased to an average of 1.2 million annually. Funding will be used to operate and maintain the 11,540 sq ft visitor and administrative buildings, 6 new parking lots totaling 223,800 sq ft, 3 acres landscaped area, 5.8 miles of recreational trail, a cavern tour and trail, an elevator and 5.6 miles of road. This request would ensure the roads, grounds, trails and facilities are in a suitable condition for the park's many visitors.

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(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

Park AreaType of ProjectAbraham Lincoln Birthplace NHSPotential New Start

SPECIAL STUDIES (See GMP section for further information)

None

LAND ACQUISITION

None

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION

None

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM (subject to change pending program reauthorization)

Park AreaProject TitleFundsCumberland Gap NHPRehabilitate Sky land Road\$2,000

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$601

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$1,377